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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20030130.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Meister et al (U.S. Patent 6,671,718), hereinafter Meister.

Regarding claim 1, Meister teaches the preparation for sending an e-mail message, taught as the composing of a message and request for sending a message, at col. 3, lines 13-17. Furthermore, Meister teaches removing from addresses specified in a "To" field, any addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the "To" field, taught as the use of a modify operation which presents to the user addresses which may be selectively removed from the composed message, at col. 5, lines 17-21. It is inherent the modification operation displays a specified address in a display object such as a dialog box, which are known to contain fields, allowing the user to selectively remove an address or addresses. Meister also teaches the sending of the e-mail message, at col. 3, lines 40-42.

Regarding claims 2, 3, 6, and 7, Meister teaches modifying all addresses with one modify command scrolling through all displayed addresses, and thus allows for the removal of addresses specified in a "Cc" field, a "Bcc" field, and all fields.

Regarding claims 4 and 5, it can be seen in Fig. 3 that the system of Meister allows for the mailing to, and hence removal of, group lists from a composed message address list, as well as individual addresses.

Regarding claim 8, Meister teaches the preparation for sending an e-mail message, taught as the composing of a message and request for sending a message, at col. 3, lines 13-17. Furthermore, Meister teaches removing from addresses specified in a "To" field, any addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the "To" field, taught as the use of a modify operation which presents to the user addresses which may be selectively removed from the composed message, at col. 5, lines 17-21. Meister also teaches modifying all addresses with one modify command, and thus allows for the removal of addresses specified in a "Cc" field, a "Bcc" field, and all fields. It is inherent the modification operation displays a specified address in a display object such as a dialog box, which are known to contain fields, allowing the user to selectively remove an address or addresses. Meister also teaches the sending of the e-mail message, at col. 3, lines 40-42.

Regarding claims 9-14, Meister shows in Fig. 2 a "To" field for specifying addresses to be sent to, a "Cc" field for sending a carbon copy, and a "Bcc" field for sending a blind copy of the message. Furthermore, Meister teaches modifying all addresses with one modify command, and thus allows for the removal of addresses specified in a "To" field, "Cc" field, a "Bcc" field, and all fields.

Conclusion


The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art pertains to the controlling of e-mail "picklists" and the state of the art in general.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Roswell whose telephone number is (703) 305-5914. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 6:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (703) 308-3116. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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